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**ANCHORAGE MAN GETS FIVE YEARS IN A FEDERAL
PRISON FOR DISTRIBUTING CRACK**

Anchorage, Alaska – Acting United States Attorney Karen L. Loeffler announced that on February 8, 2008, Jeremiah Richards, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to sixty months for distributing crack cocaine.

United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Beistline imposed the sentence on Richards, age 22, of 624 North Hoyt in Anchorage.

According to information presented to the court by Special Assistant United States Attorney Christine M. Thoreson, Richards sold a total of 14.9 grams of crack cocaine over three separate occasions in July and August 2006.

Prior to imposing sentencing, Judge Beistline stated that Richards made a choice to become a drug dealer and that choice hurt society because communities are getting worn down by drug dealing.

Ms. Loeffler commended the Federal Bureau of Investigation Safe Streets Task Force, comprised of Anchorage police officers and FBI agents, for the investigation leading to the sentence in this case. SAUSA Thoreson is one of two prosecutors in the U.S. Attorney's Office who are funded by the Municipality of Anchorage for the purpose of prosecuting gang-related and violent crime cases.

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